

Remarks

Claims 37-56 are currently pending in this patent application. Claims 1-9 and 33 are canceled. Claims 10-32 and 34-36 are withdrawn. Claims 37-56 are new. Claim 37 is independent.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)/103(a)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 8, 9 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Ritson et al. U.S. Patent No. 3,913,581 ("Ritson"). The Office Action also rejects claims 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ritson. Applicant has canceled claims 1-9 and 33, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

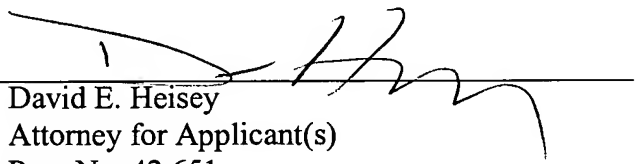
Conclusion

It is believed this amendment now has placed the application in condition for consideration and allowance. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account No. 50-0683 in the name of Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps.

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